

Sirs, I am directing this to you to urge you STOP the NAB from their current attempts to restrict the programming of XM radio. This is a service I pay for and thoroughly enjoy. The Instant Traffic and Weather was not available when I initially joined the "XM" crowd but now that I have experienced it I don't know how I existed without it.

I travel extensively throughout the United States, doing consulting and instructional work. I have come to rely on the Instant Traffic & Weather since I know exactly what channel it is on depending on the metropolitan area I'm in. I can tune directly to the channel and hear what I need, instantly, strictly the traffic and weather info. Previously in most metropolitan areas I've had to guess about which station might carry what I need and then wait through all of their programming, commercials, and announcements and still not get the information in time. XM provides me with a programming guide that makes it easy to find what I want or need. I pay for this service and I don't see anybody else providing anything even remotely close. Are local television stations pushing to shutdown "The Weather Channel"? Wouldn't that be similar to what the NAB is trying to do to XM?

I pay monthly for the ability to receive and listen to XM programming. I don't want to see any of the features or programs currently available to be reduced or deleted. Those of us that know what we want are paying our hard earned dollars to get it. I think we are paying for the right to receive this programming and as a citizen, wish to urge you, the FCC, to reject the NAB's petition 04-160.

Respectfully submitted,
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